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"If any Officer, Member, or any Person whatsoever, by false representation or imposition, shall obtain possession of any monies, securities, books, papers, or other effects of this Society, or, having the same in his possession, shall withhold or misapply the same, or shall wilfully apply any part of the same to purposes other than those expressed or directed in the Rules, he may, upon complaint made by any Person on behalf of this Society, be summoned before two Justices, and if the Justices shall determine the complaint to be proved, they shall adjudge and order him to deliver up all such monies, securities, books, papers, or other effects, or to repay the amount of money applied improperly, and to pay, if they think fit, a further sum of money not exceeding £20, together with costs not exceeding 20s., and in default the said Justices may order the said Person so convicted to be imprisoned in the Common Gaol or House of Correction, with or without hard labour, for any time not exceeding Three Months. s. 24.

"Any Trustee or other Officer or Person aiding or abetting in the dissolution or determination of this Society, or the division or appropriation of the funds thereof, except in the way directed by the 13th section of 18 and 19 Vic. c. 63, will, on conviction thereof by two Justices, be committed to the Common Gaol or House of Correction, there to be kept to hard labour for any term not exceeding Three Calendar Months. s. 13.

RULES.

I.—This Society shall be called THE ASTON FEMALE SICK CLUB. The business thereof shall be carried on at the Aston School House; and the objects thereof shall be to provide for the relief of every Member thereof in sickness, infirmity, old age, and for decent interment after death; also for relief of the married Members thereof at their confinements.

II.—That all moneys received on account of contributions, donations, admissions, fines, or otherwise, shall be applied towards carrying out the objects of the Society, according to the rules and tables thereof; any officer misapplying the funds shall repay the same and be excluded.

III.—At the first meeting of this Society after these rules are certified by the Registrar, there shall be elected by a majority of the Members then present three Trustees, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Committee of Management consisting of ten persons. The Trustees shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Society, and be removable at a general meeting, and in case of a vacancy or vacancies, another or others shall be elected by a majority of Members, at a meeting called for that purpose. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee of Management shall all continue in office until the general annual meeting of the Society, unless previously removed by a resolution of the major

part of the Members present at any meeting called for that purpose; and at every annual meeting a Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee shall be appointed for the ensuing year, or in failure thereof the officers last appointed shall be considered as again appointed; and in case any officer, other than a Trustee, shall die or be removed prior to such annual meeting, the Committee of Management shall appoint a person to fill up the vacancy. A copy of every resolution appointing a Trustee or Trustees shall be sent to the Registrar of Friendly Societies in England under the hands of three Members, and signed by such Trustee, and countersigned by the Secretary.

IV.—The Trustees shall be admitted to all meetings of the Committee of Management, and shall be at liberty to take part in the proceedings thereof, and vote on any question under discussion; they shall do and execute all the several duties and functions delegated to them by the statute relating to Friendly Societies, unless otherwise herein provided for. In case any Trustee being removed, shall refuse or neglect to assign or transfer any property of the Society as the Committee of Management shall direct, he shall (if he be a member) be expelled the Society, and shall cease to have any claim on the Society on account of any contributions paid by him.

The Treasurer shall, in the month of June in every year, and also when required by the Trustee or a majority of the Trustees of the Society, render to the Trustees of the Society a true account of all moneys received and paid by him on account of the Society; and shall also, when required by a majority of the Trustees, pay over all moneys remaining in his hands, and assign and deliver all securities and effects, books, papers, and property of or belonging to the Society in his hands or custody, to such person or persons as a majority of the Trustees shall

appoint. He shall be responsible for such sums of money as may from time to time be paid into his hands by the Secretary, or by any person on account of this Society, he shall balance his cash account monthly, and supply the Secretary with a duplicate thereof, and shall, if required, attend every general meeting. He shall, before taking upon himself the execution of his office, give security pursuant to the 18 and 19 Vict., c. 63, s. 21. The Committee of Management shall meet on the first Thursday in February, May, August, and November, at the hour of half-past Seven. Any six of the Committee duly assembled at any such meeting shall form a quorum, and shall have full power to superintend and conduct the business of this Society according to the rules provided for the government thereof, and shall in all things act for and in the name of this Society; and all acts and orders under the powers delegated to them shall have the like force and effect as the acts and orders of this Society at any general meeting. Every question at such meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes; and if the votes are equal, the chairman shall have a casting vote. Any two of the Committee may call a special meeting thereof, by giving seven clear days' notice in writing to the Secretary, but at such special meeting no other business than that specified in the notice shall be taken into consideration. The Committee shall convene all the meetings of the Society, on such requisitions as are herein mentioned.

The Secretary shall give his attendance at all meetings of this Society; he shall record correctly the names of the Committee or Trustees there present, and the minutes of their proceedings, which he shall transcribe into a book, to be authenticated by the signature of the chairman as the proceedings of the meeting; he shall receive proposals for admission, and demands for allowances of every description granted by the rules; he shall keep

the accounts, documents, and papers of the Society in such manner and for such purposes as the Committee may appoint, and shall prepare the annual and other returns required by the 18 and 19 Vict., c. 63, to be sent to the Registrar of Friendly Societies in England. The Secretary shall on all occasions, in the execution of his office, act under the superintendence, control, and directions of the Committee.

V.—So much of the funds of the Society as may not be wanted for immediate use or to meet the usual accruing liabilities shall, with the consent of the Committee of Management, be invested by the Trustees in such of the following ways as the Committee shall direct, viz., in a savings bank or in the public funds, or with the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, or upon Government or real securities in Great Britain or Ireland, or upon debentures, mortgages, or securities of any company incorporated by charter or Act of Parliament, and paying a dividend, or on or upon the security of any county, borough, or other rates authorized to be levied and mortgaged by Act of Parliament.

VI.—The funds to support this Club to be raised by voluntary contributions from honorary Members, and by monthly subscriptions from benefited Members.

VII.—Every honorary Member to pay not less than eight shillings a year, for which sum she is to receive no benefit, except in cases of unforeseen accident, when she must afterwards become a free subscriber.

VIII.—Every free subscriber to pay the sum of sixpence the last Saturday in every month; and every person wishing to became a Member of this Club, must pay the sum of two shillings entrance.

IX.—Two Stewardesses to be chosen every year by the votes of the Club, one of whom must be an inhabitant of Aston, and the other of Aughton.

X.—No person to be admitted into the Club who does not belong to the Parish. No person to be admitted under the age of 16, or above the age of 35 years, or who does not appear to be in good bodily health. No relief to be given until a Member has been a year in the Club.

XI.—Any Member applying for relief shall bring a certificate signed either by the Medical attendant, the resident Clergyman, or an honorary Member. Should the illness continue, the certificate must be renewed once a fortnight.

XII.—Any sick Member with such certificate applying for relief, considered by the Stewardesses a proper object, shall receive four shillings a week for twelve weeks (if her illness continue so long), but she shall receive no more than twelve weeks such pay in one year, afterwards she shall receive two shillings weekly until her recovery. All applications for sick pay must be laid before the Committee at its quarterly meeting, to which the Stewardesses are responsible for their conduct in granting or withholding sick pay. No sick pay is due for any sickness or accident brought on by misconduct.

XIII.—Married women shall receive ten shillings and sixpence for the month of lying-in, but pregnant women shall not be entitled to any relief for two months before, or two months after their delivery, except in cases of great necessity, of which the Committee is to judge. No allowance made for illegitimate children.

XIV.—If any Member should leave the Parish, and cause her contribution to be regularly paid, she shall still in case

of sickness receive relief, provided she sends a certificate free of expense to one of the Stewardesses, or to the Secretary, signed by a Medical man, or the Minister of the Parish where she resides. A fresh certificate must be sent every fortnight.

XV.—When any Member dies, the husband or relative shall receive out of the fund the sum of one pound if she has been a Member only one year, and two pounds if she has been a Member two years and upwards.

XVI.—Any Member working whilst receiving pay shall be expelled. Any Member guilty of immoral or disorderly conduct shall be expelled.

XVII.—All arrears to be paid up on the last Saturday before the day of annual meeting, which will be held at Aston School, on the first Friday in June. Any Member absenting herself from the School on that day, unless sick or lame, to forfeit sixpence. No meeting of the Club for any purpose shall be held elsewhere; nor shall the Members of the Club adjourn from any meeting of the Club to any inn or public house. After the general meeting tea will be provided for the Members by the Stewardesses, at Aston School, at a charge of ninepence a head; which charge must be paid by each Member who wishes to partake, before sitting down to tea. None but Members will be permitted to be present at or after tea. The tea shall not last beyond 10 o'clock, at which hour the Members shall leave the School. Any Member who shall be found to have broken this rule, shall be expelled from the Club.

XVIII.—At the general meeting, the Accounts will be inspected, new Members admitted, and if seen to be necessary, fresh regulations made.

The subscriptions of honorary and voluntary contribu-

MAR

ANN WILKINSON.

MARY TRAUNTER.

JAS. STRUGNELL, Secretary.

REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE.

I HEREBY certify, that the foregoing Rules of the Aston Female Sick Club or Society, at Aston, in the County of York, are in conformity with Law, and that the Society is duly established from the present Date, and is subject to the Provisions and entitled to the Privileges of the Acts relating to Friendly Societies. The Rates of Contributions and Payments are not stated to have been prepared by any Actuary.

JOHN TIDD PRATT,

The Registrar of Friendly Societies in England.

19th March, 1863.

Mrs. ALDERSON
Mrs. VERELST
Mrs. MORTON
Mrs. ROBT. MORTON
Mrs. STRUGNELL

Stewardesses,—

Mrs. R. MORTON
Mrs. J. DUCKENFIELD.

Committee,—

Mrs. MORTON
Mrs. R. MORTON
Mrs. DUCKENFIELD
Mrs. LEVICK
Mrs. E. LEVICK
Mrs. SPACIE
Mrs. LONGDEN
Mrs. COLBOURNE
Mrs. BEELEY
Mrs. RADFORD.

Arbiters,—

Mrs. FULWOOD
Mrs. FOULDS
Mrs. CHUMBLEY
Mrs. ARNOLD
Miss SENIOR.

Secretary,—Mr. JAMES STRUGNELL.

Free Members,—

Atkin, Jane
Atkin, Ann
Adsetts, Jane
Bradley, Mary
Boot, Emma
Baxter, Hannah
Boultsby, Jane
Beardshaw, Elizabeth
Bramhall, Sarah
Bartles, Hannah
Beech, Jane
Beeley, Elizabeth
Catterill, Elizabeth
Colbourne, Ann
Chumbley, Elizabeth
Cadman, Mary
Clayton, Mary
Duckenfield, Hannah
Dewick, Ann
Epworth, Hannah
Firth, Mary
Fish, Elizabeth
Grayson, Elizabeth
Grayson, Sarah
Grayson, Ellen
Gill, Sarah
Gibbs, Sarah
Hyde, Martha
Harrison, Maria
Hobson, Elizabeth
Holland, Hannah
Hall, Hannah
Johnson, Elizabeth
Johnson, Hannah
Kesteven, Ann
King, Elizabeth
Kenyon, Sarah
Longden, Emma
Longden, Elizabeth, (senr.)
Longden, Elizabeth, (junr.)
Levick, Elizabeth
Levick, Mary
Levick, Martha
Lake, Mary
Mullins, Harriet
Merrill, Elizabeth
Merrill, Ann
Mallender, Hannah
Mannifold, Ann
Moseley, Ellen
Platts, Elizabeth
Platts, Ann
Platts, Sarah
Pashley, Annie
Pashley, Caroline
Plant, Mary
Richmond, Elizabeth
Radford, Fanny
Sadler, Elizabeth
Sadler, Bessie
Sadler, Sarah
Spacie, Sarah
Stacey, Fanny
Storey, Rebecca
Senior, Sarah
Satterfit, Hannah
Stacey, Elizabeth
Stacey, Jane
Smith, Alice
Smith, Jane
Shaw, Elizabeth
Steadman, Ann
Steadman, Margaret
Taylor, Maria
Tomlinson, Elizabeth
Thompson, Alice
Thompson, Ann
Turner, Harriet
Traunter, Mary
Thompson, Hannah
Widdison, Jane
Wilkinson, Ann
Wilson, Jane
Youle, Elizabeth
Yelland, Mary